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13.	Mysore	Karnataka
14.	Manipal	Karnataka
15.	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
16.	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
17.	Punc	Maharashtra
18.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
19.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
20.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
21.	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh

Relocation of Software Business Towards China

2042. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study conducted by the Manufacturers Association for Information Technology (MAIT) highlighting that India is losing its first mover advantage in information technology and software as compared to China as indicated by various parameters like international band width size, number of internet users, PCs per thousand population, telcdensity, hardware exports etc.;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some Indian software companies have begun to opt for relocating their development of software business to China; and

(d) if so, the present status of such proposals, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report of the study Presents salient features of China's efforts in the field of Information Technology, specifically in Hardware Manufacturing, building up a strong Telecom Infrastructure. It also provides comparative data about India, China and other Asian countries.

(c) Indian IT software and service companies arc looking at China as a possible market destination and some companies have started setting up operations in the areas of IT education.

(d) It is understood that some Indian IT software and service

companies are evaluating the possibility of setting up overseas development centre in China with a view to address the needs of regional markets.

Export growth rate of Indian software

2043. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Software exports growth rate is expected to go down during the year 2001-2002 in comparison to the previous year;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) what arc the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No,.Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Down fall of Information Technology Sector

† 2044. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that India has been continuously lagging behind in the field of Information Technology; and

(b) if so, the action Government are taking to promote Information Technology?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Various incentives provided by the Government, to promote IT industry are given at Statement.

Statement

Incentives to IT Sector

1. Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) has been rationalised and extended uniformly to all sectors without any threshold limit on payment of 5% duty.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.